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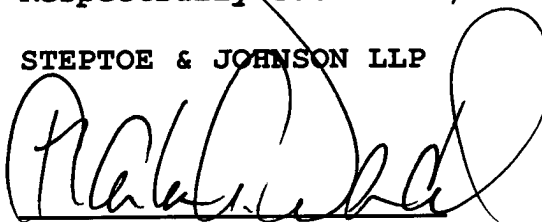
The ongoing indication of allowance of claims 13 to 23, 26 and 27 is noted with appreciation.

Claim 28 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 27, which renders moot the rejection of claims 28 to 30 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Suzuki et al. '674. It is noted that claims 29 and 30 already depended from allowed claim 27, and the rejection should not have been made to those claims.

It is believed that the case is in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should anything further be required in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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